

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 42-45 are pending in the application, with claim 42 being the independent claim. By the foregoing, claims 42 and 43 are sought to be amended. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 42-45 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In particular, the Examiner asserts that claims 42 and 43 are incomplete because they omit essential structural cooperative relationships of the elements and provided recommended amendments. The Applicants have amended claims 42 and 43 as recommended by the Examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 42-45 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection discussed above. As indicated above, Applicants have amended claims 42 and 43 to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 rendering claims 42-45 allowable.

Priority

The Examiner noted that the status of the non-provisional parent application presented in the application data sheet filed on March 24, 2004 is no longer up to date.

The Applicants submit a Supplemental Data Sheet herewith which indicates that U.S. Application Serial No. 10/292,470, filed November 13, 2002, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,726,124 on April 27, 2004.

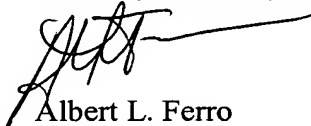
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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